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CORE ORGANIZATION WEBSITES

American Institute of Architects, Cleveland Chapter
www.aiacleveland.com

American Society of Civil Engineers, Cleveland Section
www.asce.org

Build Up Greater Cleveland
www.clevelandgrowth.com

City of Cleveland Planning Commission
www.planning.city.cleveland.oh.us

Cleveland Engineering Society
www.cesnet.org

Cleveland Green Building Coalition
www.clevelandgbc.org

Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition
www.cndc2.org

Congressman Dennis Kucinich

www.house.gov/kucinich

Cuyahoga American Heritage River Navigator

www.CuyahogaRiverRap.org

Cuyahoga County Planning Commission

www.planning.co.cuyahoga.oh.us

Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan

www.CuyahogaRiverRap.org

EcoCity Cleveland

www.ecocitycleveland.org

Entrepreneurs for Sustainability

www.e4sustainability.org

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

www.gcrtc.org

Home Builders Association of Greater Cleveland

www.hbacleveland.com

Kent State Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative

www.cudc.kent.edu

Kerr + Boron Associates, Inc.

www.kerrboron.com

Maxine Goodman Levine College of Urban Affairs, CSU

www.urban.csuohio.edu

Ohio Planning Conference, Cleveland Section

www.ohioplanning.org

Parkworks

www.parkworks.org

St. Clair Superior Neighborhood Development Association

www.scsnda.org

Trinity Cathedral, Episcopal Diocese of Cleveland

www.trinitycleveland.org

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region V

www.epa.gov/region5/

LOCAL RESOURCES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Business Organizations:

Build Up Greater Cleveland (A catalyst for economic growth & job development)

www.clevelandgrowth.com

Cleveland Advanced Manufacturing Program (CAMP) (Non-profit professional organization helping businesses to implement innovative methods and technologies)

www.camp.org/

Entrepreneurs for Sustainability (Supports entrepreneurs who will implement sustainable principles)

www.e4sustainability.org

WIRE- Net (Retain, grow and attract manufacturing-related business on Cleveland's west side)

www.wire-net.org

Finance:

Shore Bank (Cleveland Environmental Center and neighborhood investment)

www.shorebankcleveland.com

Third Federal (Remains committed to home ownership in the city)

www.thirdfederal.com

ENVIRONMENT

Conservation:

Center for Farmland Preservation in Northeast Ohio (Works to protect and preserve farmland in the Western Reserve)

www.centerforfarmlandpreservation.org/

Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign (Government and community working to reduce air toxins)

www.ohiolung.org/ccacc.htm

Cleveland Museum of Natural History (Studies, interprets and conserves native ecosystems)

www.cmnh.org

Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center (A children's environmental learning facility)

www.cveec.org

Earth Day Coalition (Nonprofit environmental education organization)

www.earthdaycoalition.org

EcoCity Cleveland (Ecological design, smart growth & transportation choices)

www.ecocitycleveland.org

Environmental Health Watch (A nonprofit that provides information to protect human health)

www.ehw.org

Greater Cleveland Ecology Association (Provides presentations and technical assistance on composting and yard waste)

www.cuyahogaswd.org/residential/gcea.shtml

Lake Erie Nature and Science Center (Provides presentations on conservation and the environment)

www.lensc.org

Nature Conservancy (International nonprofit that preserves plants, animals and natural habitat)

www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/ohio/press/press1361.html

Ohio Conservation Alliance, The Cleveland Museum of Natural History

(Facilitates conservation, research and education projects)

www.cmnh.org/collections/invertzoo/documents/The_Ohio_Conservation_Alliance.html

Sierra Club (Citizens working together to save the planet)

<http://ohio.sierraclub.org/northeast>

www.sierraclub.org/community/neohio

Sustainable Cleveland Partnership (Helps Cleveland neighborhoods create positive environmental change in their community)

www.nhlink.net/enviro/scp

Trust for Public Land Ohio Office, (Protects land for future generations)

www.tpl.org

Urban Land Institute, Cleveland District Council (Environmental land use)

www.uli.com

www.uli.org/index.IS.htm

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society (Encourages awareness of the natural world in our community)

www.wcasohio.org

Energy:

Equest (Energy engineering solution)

www.equestengineers.com/

Green Energy Ohio

www.greenenergyohio.org

American Wind Energy Association (Wind Turbines)

www.awea.org

Greenspaces:

Cleveland MetroParks System (Cleveland's Regional Park System)

www.clemetparks.com/

Cuyahoga County Planning-Greenprint (Details open space plans)

www.planning.co.Cuyahoga.oh.us/green/greenprint.html

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (Provides education & support for the Park)
www.cveec.org/

Geauga County Parks (Preserve & protect the natural areas of Geauga County)
www.valleymatters.com/geauga_county.html

Lake Metroparks System (Lake County Park System)
www.lakemetroparks.com/

Nature Center at Shaker Lakes (Protects the natural area and promotes nature education)
www.shakerlakes.org

Ohio Canal Corridor (Regional revitalization through recreational & economic development)
www.ohiocanal.org

Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition (Promote heritage and growth of Corridor)
www.ohioeriecanal.org

Parkworks (Promote parks, green spaces and recreational facilities)
www.parkworks.org

Water:

City of Cleveland Division of Water Pollution Control (Provides presentations and exhibits on environmental education and water quality)
www.city.cleveland.oh.us/government/departments/pubutil/pubutilwpc/pubutilwpc.html

Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan (Works to restore the Cuyahoga River)
www.CuyahogaRiverRap.org

Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District (Provides information and technical assistance on conservation and water)
www.cuyahogaswcd.org

Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (Provides technical assistance for wetland conservation)
www.cuyahoga.oh.us/bocc/boards.sewer.htm

Soil & Water Conservation Office, Cuyahoga County OSU Extension
(Organic Farming and Water management)
www.odnr.com/odnr/soil+water/

Watersheds:

Black River Remedial Action Plan (Works to enhance and protect the natural riparian corridor)
www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/rap/blk_home.html

Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc. (Works to preserve & enhance the river)
www.crowp.org

Doan Brook Watershed Partnership (Working to restore Doan Brook)
www.Shakerlakes.org/doanbrook.htm

Euclid Creek Watershed (10 municipalities address common environmental, storm water and development concerns along Euclid Creek)
www.noaca.org/euclidcreek.html

Grand River Partners, Inc. (Uniting community in the stewardship of the watershed)
www.ncweb.com/org/grandriver/

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND DESIGN

City of Cleveland Planning Commission (Determines Cleveland's growth needs)
www.planning.city.cleveland.oh.us

Connecting Cleveland, The Lakefront Plan (A comprehensive, long range plan for developing Cleveland's lake shore and adjacent areas)
www.planning.city.cleveland.oh.us/lakefront/cpc.html

Cuyahoga County Planning Commission (Provides planning services for all the county's governmental agencies and not-for-profits)
www.planning.co.cuyahoga.oh.us

Cuyahoga Valley Initiative (Works for the environmental, economic and social renaissance of the Cuyahoga Valley)

www.cuyahogavalley.net

Kerr + Boron Associates, Inc. (Promotes sustainable development and the preservation of the natural ecosystem)

www.kerrboron.com

Ohio Association of Rail Road Passengers (Presentations on conservation and transportation)

www.oarprail.org

Ohio Planning Conference, Cleveland Section (Promotes planning forums and idea exchanges employing principles of sustainability)

www.ohioplanning.org

Schmidt Copeland Parker Stevens, Inc. (Design places of recreation and education that respect the environment)

www.scpsOhio.com

FOOD

Coit Road Farmers Market (3rd generation farmers market)

www.ameritech.net/users/internet/Coit.htm

Great Lakes Brewing Company (Recycles brewing waste into useable products)

www.greatlakesbrewing.com/

North Union Farmers Market (Operates 5 authentic producer-only farmers markets)

www.lkwdpl.org/farmersmarket

Northeast Ohio Foodshed Network (Locally grown food distribution network)

www.e4sustainability.org/events/nofa/nofa.htm

Parkers New American Bistro (Uses seasonal foods from local markets)

www.parkersrestaurant.com/

GREEN BUILDING

American Institute of Architects, Cleveland Chapter (Professional association promoting awareness of sustainable design)

www.aiacleveland.com

American Society of Civil Engineers, Cleveland Section (National Engineering Society)

www.asce.org

Cleveland Engineering Society (Professional organization that serves the needs of the technical community)

www.cesnet.org

Cleveland Green Building Coalition (Generates support and builds momentum for the green building agenda in Northeast Ohio)

www.clevelandgbc.org

Doty & Miller (Uses green building design and practices)

www.dotyandmiller.com

Home Builders Association of Greater Cleveland (encourages use sustainable home building materials and practices)

www.hbacleveland.com

Panzica Construction (Uses integrated planning, design and construction process to promote sustainability)

www.panzica.com

RDL Architects (Design with respect for the built environment)

www.rdlarchitects.com

Trinity Cathedral, Episcopal Diocese of Cleveland (Built Trinity Commons with environmentally friendly material and using principles of sustainability)

www.trinitycleveland.org

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Akron (Joint Economic Development Districts align Akron and its townships)

www.ci.akron.oh.us/2025/Reports/jedd.html

Bath Township (created new sustainable land use standards for developments)

www.bathtownship.org

Brownfield and Site Assessment Program of Ohio EPA (Promotes clean-up and redevelopment of contaminated land)

www.epa.gov/R5Brownfields/

City of Cleveland Department of Public Health (Provides information on air quality and the environment)

www.city.cleveland.oh.us/government/departments/pubhealth/phind.html

City of Cleveland Environmental Resource Directory (Provides information on local environmental resources)

www.city.cleveland.oh.us/information/environmentalresourcedirectory.html

City of Cleveland Summer Sprout (Promotes community gardening) www.city.cleveland.oh.us/government/departments/commdev/cdneigserv/cdnsinformation.html

City of Kent, Ohio (City plan uses sustainability principles)

www.kentohio.org/reports/comprehensive.asp

Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District (Provides presentations and information on solid waste and recycling)

www.cuyahogaswd.org

Cuyahoga-American Heritage Initiative River Navigator (Plan and Promote restoration of river environment)

www.CuyahogaRiverRap.org

www.epa.gov/rivers/98rivers/cuyahoga.html

Economic Development Committee of Cleveland City Council (Responsible for the rehabilitation and conservation of properties)

www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/committees.asp

First Suburbs Consortium Development Council (Inner ring cities pool resources)

<http://firstsuburbs.org/neohio/index.htm>

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (Provides mass transit service)

www.gcrtta.org

Lorain Chamber of Commerce – Center for Sustainable Development (Promotes

awareness of sustainable programs to business community)

www.loraincountychamber.com/development/

NOACA – Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (Federal transportation planning agency concerned with related air and water quality)

www.noaca.org

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region V (Serves as resource to promote livable communities)

www.epa.gov/region5/

NEIGHBORHOOD

Green Schools:

Green Schools Program of the Green Building Coalition (Promotes Green Building techniques in school buildings to help students learn, breathe and grow)

www.clevelandgrc.org/schools/

Infill:

Cleveland Housing Network (Develops affordable housing in Cleveland neighborhoods)

www.chnet.com

www.clevehomes.com

Re\$store Cleveland (Concentrates on retail growth in urban areas)

www.cndc2.org/retail_commercial.htm

Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition (Promotes neighborhood restoration)

www.cndc2.org

Ohio City Near West Development Corp, (Oversees development activities in Ohio City)

www.ocnw.org

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (Unites and empowers residents, business leaders and government to revitalize the community)

www.oldbrooklyn.com

St. Clair Superior Neighborhood Development Association (Works to develop the St.

Clair-Superior area)

www.scsnda.org

Restoration:

Cleveland Restoration Society (Preserves and enhances local architecture)

www.clevelandrestoration.org

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

Cleveland State University (Programs in Sustainability and the Environment)

www.csuohio.edu

Kent State Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative (offers architectural and urban design expertise to urban communities)

www.cudc.kent.edu

Maxine Goodman Levine College of Urban Affairs, CSU (Public programs for students and community residents on urban and regional issues)

www.urban.csuohio.edu/community_outreach/

Northeast Ohio Research Consortium – NEORC (Provides research and technical assistance to NE Ohio through Ohio's public universities)

<http://neorc.org>

Oberlin College Center for Environmental Studies (A website with information on ecological design)

www.oberlin.edu/envs/ajlc/

REGIONAL - NATIONAL RESOURCES

ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNMENT BODIES

International City/County Management Association (IMCA) (Organization promoting professional government management)

www.icma.org

Local Government Environmental Assistance Network (LGEAN) (Provides environmental information for government staff)

www.lgean.org

Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials (NEMO) (Educational Program for local land use officials)

www.nemo.uconn.edu

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Sustainable Business - (Has a monthly online magazine, business opportunities for green business, green dream jobs, and a library of websites, databases, etc)

www.sustainablebusiness.com

World Business Council for Sustainable Development (140 international companies united by a commitment to sustainability)

www.wbcsd.ch/

ECOSYSTEMS

Audubon Ohio (Conserve and restore ecosystems, focusing on birds)

www.audubon.org/chapter/oh/oh/

Ohio Environmental Council (Works to inform, unite and empower Ohio citizens to protect the environment)

www.theoec.org/

EDUCATION

Center for Environmental Education in Ohio (An environmental education resource center)

www.environmentaleducationohio.org

Environmental Education Council of Ohio (EECO) (A nonprofit that promotes environmental education and global stewardship)

www.eeco-online.org

ENERGY

The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) (A nonprofit dedicated to promoting environmentally sustainable societies))

www.eesi.org/

Earth Network for Sustainable Development (An international NGO created to promote the goals of the Earth Summit agreements)

www.ecouncil.ac.cr

Ohio Energy Project (OEP) (Promotes an energy educated society)

www.ohioenergy.org

Seed Ohio (A nonprofit devoted to promoting environmentally and economically sustainable energy practices in Ohio)

www.seedohio.org

GREAT LAKES

Detroit American Heritage River Initiative (Helps secure existing federal funds to restore and redevelop America's Rivers)

www.epa.gov/rivers/98rivers/detroit.html

Lake Erie Coastal Ohio, Inc. (Lists 300 nature and historical sites along Lake Erie)

www.coastalohio.com

Ohio Balanced Growth Initiative (Ohio Lake Erie Commission Task Force addressing land use issues)

www.epa.state.oh.us/oleo

Ohio Coastal Management Program (Integrates management of Ohio's Lake Erie Coast)

www.ohiodnr.com/coastal/

Ohio Lake Erie Commission (Coordinates state policies to protect the water quality and environment of Lake Erie)

www.epa.state.oh.us/oleo/

GREEN BUILDINGS

Green Building Alliance (Links economic prosperity with social equity in Greater Pittsburgh)

www.gbapgh.org

Green Space Design (Nonprofit that provides forums and tools for green space preservation and community building)

www.greenspacedesign.org

Sustainable Architecture Building and Culture (Links to community of ecological and natural building resources)

www.sustainableABC.com

Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC) (Nonprofit that advances environmentally sound buildings)

www.sbicouncil.org

LAND USE

Green Infrastructure (A strategic approach to conservation that addresses sprawl)

www.greeninfrastructure.net/

Greater Ohio (Citizens network promoting public policy for redevelopment of existing communities)

www.greaterohio.org

Partnership for Regional Livability (Strives to build stronger communities and enhance their quality of life)

www.prlonline.org/index.htm

Smart Growth Network (Coalition that encourages smart growth development)

www.smartgrowth.org/

Trust for Public Land, National Office, (Nonprofit working to protect land for the enjoyment and well-being of communities)

www.tpl.org

NEIGHBORHOODS

Center for Neighborhood Technology (Chicago based nonprofit that links development with ecological improvement)

www.cnt.org

Ecotrust (Helps communities in the northwest United States build new economies that protect their environment)

www.ecotrust.org/

The Global EcoVillage Network (Nonprofit that links EcoVillages)

www.gala.org

SUSTAINABLE CITIES

Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development (A coalition formed to advance e-vision in the Bay area)

www.bayareaalliance.org/

Chattanooga Institute (Promotes principles of sustainability in urban redevelopment)

www.csc.org/index.html

Sustainable Pittsburgh (A public-private advocacy group working for long-term sustained quality of life for all citizens)

www.sustainablepittsburgh.org/

Sustainable Seattle (Organization that develops community indicators for sustainability)

www.sustainableseattle.org/

SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES

In Context Institute (Nonprofit research organization exploring sustainability)

<http://www.context.org>

Institute for Policy Studies – Green Policy Network Home Pages (Provides information on economic and environmental policies)

www.igc.org/ifps

Institute For A Sustainable Future (Encourages members to form project teams on issues of sustainability)

www.isfusa.org

The Natural Step (Provides a visionary blueprint for a sustainable world)

www.naturalstep.org

Rocky Mountain Institute (Nonprofit that fosters efficient use of capital for a better world)

www.rmi.org

WATER

Center for Watershed Protection (A nonprofit that provides scientifically sound information, seminars and techniques to protect and restore watersheds)

www.cwp.org

Sustainable Conservation (Advances better land and water resource usage)

www.suscon.org

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

State of Ohio:

Clean Ohio Fund (Redevelops brownfields)

www.odod.state.oh.us/UD/CleanOhioFund.htm

Division of Soil & Water Conservation, Ohio Department of Natural Resources (Provides leadership and services that enable Ohioans to preserve, protect and enhance soil, water and land resources)

www.dnr.state.oh.us/soilandwater/

Greater Ohio (Network of citizens and organizations promoting sustainable land use policies throughout the state)

www.greaterohio.org

Energy Smart School Program (Ohio) (Builds an energy-educated society through school programs and awards)

www.ohioenergy.org/energy_smart.htm

Federal Government:

Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Part of U.S. National Park System)

www.nps.gov/cuva/

Dennis Kucinich -- U. S. Congress (Promotes and defends environmental and sustainable issues)

www.house.gov/kucinich

RBC – Regulatory Barriers Clearinghouse, C/O HUD USER (Supports the collection and dissemination of resources that can help identify and address regulatory barriers)

www.regbarriers.org

U. S. Department of Energy, Sustainable Communities (Information on land use planning, green building, sustainable business, etc)

www.sustainable.doe.gov

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Increases access to Affordable Housing)

www.hud.gov

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency

www.epa.gov/ebtpages/ecosystems.html (Addresses environmental factors)

www.epa.gov/livability (Programs & resources for smart growth)

www.epa.gov/owow/nps (Office of Water Information on Non-Point Sources)

www.epa.gov/owow/nps/lid (Low impact development)

NON-LOCAL UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

Center for Sustainable Communities, Cascadia Community and Environmental Institute, University of Washington (Website lists resources, case studies and a tutorial)

<http://weber.u.washington.edu/>

Hixon Center for Urban Ecology (Its mission is to understand and enhance the urban environment)

<http://www.yale.edu/hixon>

Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (Works to sustain Minnesota's communities)

www.regionalpartnerships.umn.edu

Sustainable Development Research Institute at the University of British Columbia
(Develops research tools for complex sustainability issues)
www.sdri.ubc.ca/

Sustainable Communities Symposium (Allows public and private sectors in Northeast Ohio to work together and plan for a sustainable future.)
www.scs2000.org

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PORTALS and INDEX SITES

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Environmental Organization Web Directory (Has links to other global websites that deal with sustainable development)
www.webdirectory.com/sustainable_development

League of Women Voters (Information on protecting natural resources)
www.lwv.org

Minnesota Sustainable Communities Network Newsletter (Minnesota SCS newsletter)
www.nextstep.state.mn.us/update.cfm

Resource Renewal Institute (Publishes videos, books, etc., on green plans)
www.rri.org

Sustainable Communities (Links to other websites dealing with sustainable and livable communities)
www.ecoiq.com/sustainability/index.html

Sustainability (Electronic library dealing with sustainable environments)
www.vims.edu/bridge/sustain.html

Sustainable Communities Network (Provides information to communities on sustainable development)
www.sustainable.org

Sustainability Web Directory (links to other websites that deal with sustainable development)
www.sdgateway.net/webring/

Urban Ecology (Dedicated to building healthier cities)
www.urbanecology.org

World Watch Institute (Has information about sustainability issues currently being addressed)
www.worldwatch.org

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